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UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

In re : Chapter 11 Case No.

LEHMAN BROTHERS HOLDINGS INC., et al., : 08-13555 (JMP)

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Debtors. : (Jointly Administered)

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NOTICE OF MOTION PURSUANT TO RULE 9019
OF THE FEDERAL RULES OF BANKRUPTCY PROCEDURE AND
SECTION 105(a) OF THE BANKRUPTCY CODE FOR APPROVAL OF
(I) PARTIAL SETTLEMENT AGREEMENTS RELATING TO CERTAIN CREDIT
DEFAULT SWAP AGREEMENTS AND INDENTURES AND (II) AMENDMENT TO
PARTIAL SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT RELATING TO PEBBLE CREEK LCDO
2007-3 CREDIT DEFAULT SWAP AGREEMENT AND INDENTURE

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a hearing on the annexed motion, dated October 18, 2013 (the "Motion"), of Lehman Brothers Holdings Inc. ("LBHI" or the "Plan Administrator") as Plan Administrator under the Modified Third Amended Joint Chapter 11 Plan of Lehman Brothers Holdings Inc. and its Affiliated Debtors for certain entities in the above-referenced chapter 11 cases, on behalf of itself and Lehman Brothers Special Financing Inc. ("LBSF"), pursuant to section 105(a) of title 11 of the United States Code and Rule 9019 of the

Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure for approval of the (i) partial settlement agreements among LBSF, LBHI, U.S. Bank National Association, as Trustee (the "Trustee"), ABS LIBOR Fund, Ltd. (the "LIBOR Fund"), and either Exum Ridge CBO 2006-1, Ltd. and Exum Ridge CBO 2006-1, Corp., or Exum Ridge CBO 2007-2, Ltd. and Exum Ridge CBO 2007-2, Corp.; and (ii) amendment to the partial settlement agreement dated as of March 8, 2013, among LBSF, LBHI, the Trustee, the LIBOR Fund, Pebble Creek LCDO 2007-3, Ltd. and Pebble Creek LCDO 2007-3, Corp., as more fully described in the Motion, will be held before the Honorable James M. Peck, United States Bankruptcy Judge, at the United States Bankruptcy Court, Alexander Hamilton Customs House, Courtroom 601, One Bowling Green, New York, New York 10004 (the "Bankruptcy Court"), on November 20, 2013 at 10:00 a.m. (Prevailing Eastern Time) (the "Hearing").

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that objections, if any, to the Motion shall be in writing, shall conform to the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure and the Local Rules of the Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of New York, shall set forth the name of the objecting party, the basis for the objection and the specific grounds thereof, and shall be filed with the Bankruptcy Court electronically in accordance with General Order M-242 (which can be found at www.nysb.uscourts.gov) by registered users of the Bankruptcy Court's case filing system and by all other parties in interest on a 3.5 inch disk, preferably in Portable Document Format (PDF), WordPerfect, or any other Windows-based word processing format (with two hard copies delivered directly to Chambers), and shall be served upon: (i) the chambers of the Honorable James M. Peck, One Bowling Green, New York, New York 10004, Courtroom 601; (ii) Weil, Gotshal & Manges LLP, 767 Fifth Avenue, New York, New York 10153, Attn: Jacqueline Marcus, Esq. and Christopher J. Cox, Esq., attorneys for the Plan

Administrator; (iii) the Office of the United States Trustee for Region 2, 201 Varick Street, Suite 1006, New York, New York 10014, Attn: Tracy Hope Davis, Esq., Susan Golden, Esq., and Andrea B. Schwartz, Esq.; (iv) Milbank, Tweed, Hadley & McCloy LLP, 1850 K Street NW, Suite 1100, Washington, District of Columbia 20006, Attn: David S. Cohen, Esq., attorneys for the official committee of unsecured creditors appointed in these cases; and (v) Chapman and Cutler LLP, 111 West Monroe Street, Chicago, Illinois 60603, Attn: Franklin H. Top, III, Esq. and Scott A. Lewis, Esq., attorneys for U.S. Bank National Association, as Trustee, so as to be so filed and received no later than November 13, 2013 at 4:00 p.m. (Prevailing Eastern Time) (the "Objection Deadline").

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that if an objection to the Motion is not received by the Objection Deadline, the relief requested shall be deemed unopposed, and the Bankruptcy Court may enter an order granting the relief sought without a hearing.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that objecting parties are required to attend the Hearing, and failure to appear may result in relief being granted or denied upon default.

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MOTION PURSUANT TO RULE 9019 OF THE
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2007-3 CREDIT DEFAULT SWAP AGREEMENT AND INDENTURE

TO THE HONORABLE JAMES M. PECK, UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY JUDGE:

Lehman Brothers Holdings Inc. ("<u>LBHI</u>" and the "<u>Plan Administrator</u>") as Plan Administrator under the *Modified Third Amended Joint Chapter 11 Plan of Lehman Brothers*Holdings Inc. and Its Affiliated Debtors (the "Plan") for certain entities in the above-referenced

chapter 11 cases, on behalf of itself and Lehman Brothers Special Financing Inc. ("<u>LBSF</u>"), submits this motion (the "Motion") and respectfully represents:

Relief Requested

- Bankruptcy Procedure (the "Bankruptcy Rules") and section 105(a) of title 11 of the United States Code (the "Bankruptcy Code"), the Plan Administrator on behalf of itself and LBSF seeks approval of two partial settlements among the parties identified below, and requests that such approval be immediately effective and enforceable. The terms of each partial settlement are incorporated in two separate settlement agreements (the "Exum Ridge Agreements"). The Exum Ridge Agreements are among LBHI, LBSF, U.S. Bank National Association ("U.S. Bank" or the "Trustee"), solely in its capacity as trustee under the indentures described on Exhibit A annexed hereto (collectively, the "Exum Ridge Indentures"), ABS LIBOR Fund, Ltd. (the "LIBOR Fund") and the following entities in their respective roles as the Issuer or Co-Issuer: (i) Exum Ridge CBO 2006-1, Ltd., as Issuer, and Exum Ridge CBO 2006-1, Corp., as Co-Issuer; and (ii) Exum Ridge CBO 2007-2 Ltd., as Issuer, and Exum Ridge CBO 2007-2, Corp., as Co-Issuer.
- 2. In addition, the Plan Administrator seeks approval of an amendment to the partial settlement agreement, dated as of March 8, 2013 (the "<u>Initial Pebble Creek Agreement</u>"), among LBHI, LBSF, the LIBOR Fund, Pebble Creek LCDO 2007-3, Ltd., as Issuer, and Pebble Creek LCDO 2007-3, Corp., as Co-Issuer, and the Trustee, solely in its capacity as trustee under the Indenture, dated as of July 19, 2007, among Pebble Creek LCDO 2007-3, Ltd., as Issuer, Pebble Creek LCDO 2007-3, Corp., as Co-Issuer, and U.S. Bank (as supplemented from time to

time, the "Pebble Creek Indenture"), ¹ which was approved by the Court on April 23, 2013 [ECF No. 36763] (the "Amended Pebble Creek Agreement" and, together with the Exum Ridge Agreements, the "Settlement Agreements"). ²

Background

- 3. Commencing on September 15, 2008, and periodically thereafter (as applicable, the "Commencement Date"), LBHI and certain of its subsidiaries, including LBSF, commenced with this Court voluntary cases (together, the "Chapter 11 Cases") under chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code.
- 4. On September 17, 2009, the Court entered the *Alternative Dispute*Resolution Procedures Order for Affirmative Claims of Debtors under Derivatives Contracts

 [ECF No. 5207] (the "ADR Procedures Order").
- 5. On March 3, 2011, the Court entered the Alternative Dispute Resolution Procedures Order for Affirmative Claims of the Debtors under Derivatives Transactions with Special Purpose Vehicle Counterparties [ECF No. 14789] (the "SPV ADR Procedures Order").
- 6. On December 6, 2011, the Court approved and entered an order confirming the Plan [ECF No. 23023]. The Plan became effective on March 6, 2012.

Jurisdiction

7. This Court has subject matter jurisdiction to consider and determine this matter pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1334. This is a core proceeding pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 157(b).

¹ The Exum Ridge Indentures and the Pebble Creek Indenture (together, the "<u>Indentures</u>") are voluminous and have not been attached hereto. The Plan Administrator shall furnish a copy of any referenced indenture upon request by a party in interest.

² Each Settlement Agreement is among, LBHI, LBSF, the Trustee, the LIBOR Fund and a party identified as the Issuer or the Co-Issuer. Unless otherwise stated, any reference herein to the Issuer or Co-Issuer is applicable to each entity identified as such in the Settlement Agreements.

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The Exum Ridge Credit Default Swap Agreements and The Exum Ridge Indentures

- 8. LBSF and each Issuer identified in the Exum Ridge Agreements (each an "Exum Ridge Issuer"), entered into a credit default swap transaction (each an "Exum Ridge Transaction") pursuant to a form ISDA Master Agreement (the "ISDA Master Agreement"), as amended and supplemented by a certain Schedule to ISDA Master Agreement (the "Schedule"), and a confirmation (the "Confirmation"). LBHI guaranteed LBSF's obligations under each ISDA Master Agreement, Schedule and Confirmation (the "Guarantee" and, together with each ISDA Master Agreement, Schedule, and Confirmation, an "Exum Ridge Credit Default Swap Agreement"). 3
- 9. Under each Exum Ridge Credit Default Swap Agreement, LBSF agreed to make periodic payments to the Exum Ridge Issuer in exchange for the Exum Ridge Issuer's promise to make payments to LBSF in respect of losses incurred in respect of certain specified reference obligations. In effect, LBSF, as the "Swap Counterparty," purchased protection from the Exum Ridge Issuer, which sold protection on the creditworthiness of the obligations referenced in the applicable Exum Ridge Credit Default Swap Agreement.
- 10. Each Exum Ridge Issuer issued various classes of notes (the "Notes") under its respective Indenture and preference shares under a shares paying agency agreement (the "Preference Shares" and, together with the Notes, the "Securities"). The Notes were secured by a pool of collateral (the "Collateral") that also secured the Exum Ridge Credit Default Swap Agreement. Through a series of note purchases, LBSF is now both a holder of certain of the Notes and the Swap Counterparty under each Exum Ridge Credit Default Swap Agreement (in

³ A description of each Exum Ridge Credit Default Swap Agreement is set forth on <u>Exhibit B</u> annexed hereto. The Exum Ridge Credit Default Swap Agreements are voluminous and have not been attached. The Plan Administrator shall furnish a copy of any Exum Ridge Credit Default Swap Agreement upon request by a party in interest.

such latter capacity, the "Swap Counterparty"). Each Exum Ridge Issuer pledged the Collateral to the Trustee for the benefit and security of the holders of the Notes (the "Noteholders"), which now include LBSF, and to LBSF, in its capacity as Swap Counterparty. The Trustee continues to hold the Collateral under the Indenture for the benefit of the holders of the Notes (including LBSF) and LBSF as Swap Counterparty.

- 11. Pursuant to the Granting Clause of each Exum Ridge Indenture, the Exum Ridge Issuer granted to the Trustee, for the benefit and security of the secured parties, all of its right, title and interest, whether now owned or hereafter acquired, in, to and under, *inter alia*, the Exum Ridge Issuer's rights under the Exum Ridge Credit Default Swap Agreement, the Collateral, and substantially all other assets of the Exum Ridge Issuer.
- 12. Under the terms of the Exum Ridge Indentures, the Trustee applies payment proceeds received generally in accordance with a "waterfall" provision. *See* Exum Ridge Indenture § 11.1. Section 11.1(B)(i) clause "third" of the Indenture provides that a termination payment owed to LBSF as Swap Counterparty will be paid in advance of any distributions to Noteholders unless, *inter alia*, LBSF is the defaulting party under the Transaction. *See id.* § 11.1(B)(i). Under clause "second" of Section 11.1(B)(xiv), if, *inter alia*, LBSF is the defaulting party under the Exum Ridge Transaction, the termination payment owed to LBSF is paid after the Noteholders and before the holders of Preference Shares (the "Preference Shareholders"). *See id.* § 11.1(B)(xiii).⁴ As a result, Section 11.1(B)(i) clause "third" and Section 11.1(B)(xiv) clause "second" of the Exum Ridge Indentures (the "Waterfall Provisions") purport to provide that LBSF will receive termination payments before any

⁴ In the Exum Ridge Indenture, dated as of May 2, 2007, among Exum Ridge CBO 2007-2, Ltd., as Issuer, Exum Ridge CBO 2007-2, Corp., as Co-Issuer, and U.S. Bank National Association, as trustee, as supplemented from time to time, the applicable section is Section 11.1(B)(xi).

distributions are made to Noteholders unless, *inter alia*, LBSF is the defaulting party under the Exum Ridge Transaction.

The Dispute

- the Trustee has paid any amounts that have become due under the Exum Ridge Indentures and the Exum Ridge Credit Default Swap Agreements. On November 25, 2008, the Trustee received a letter from LBSF's counsel advising, *inter alia*, that (a) any action taken to exercise remedies with respect to the Notes would violate the automatic stay and, therefore, any actions to make distributions to Noteholders would violate the stay, and (b) any provision subordinating any termination payment due LBSF would be unenforceable. On November 28, 2008, each Issuer sent to LBSF a "Notice of Early Termination" which terminated each applicable Transaction (as defined below) as of November 28, 2008. As a result of LBSF's dispute regarding, among other things, the enforceability of the Waterfall Provisions (the "Payment Dispute"), none of the parties to any Exum Ridge Credit Default Swap Agreement has paid any amounts (including termination payments) that became due to the other applicable parties on or after November 28, 2008.
- 14. On April 20, 2010, LBSF commenced Derivatives ADR No. 157 by serving an ADR Notice upon the Trustee and each Issuer pursuant to the ADR Procedures Order.

 On June 4, 2010, the Trustee served an ADR Response upon LBSF as required by the ADR Procedures Order.
- 15. On September 14, 2010, LBSF filed a complaint against, among others, the Trustee and each Issuer. *See* Adversary Proceeding No. 10-03542-JMP (the "<u>Litigation</u>"). At issue in Derivatives ADR No. 157 and in the Litigation is the Payment Dispute, including questions as to the proper interpretation of the Exum Ridge Credit Default Swap Agreements and

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the Exum Ridge Indentures. The Litigation relates to the instant Payment Dispute among the Parties, as well as other similar disputes involving other issuers and trustees.

16. In the Litigation, LBSF seeks a declaratory judgment that provisions purporting to modify LBSF's economic rights to a termination payment premised on the bankruptcy filing of either LBHI or LBSF constitute unenforceable ipso facto clauses that inappropriately modify a debtor's interest in property, in violation of sections 365(e)(1) and 541(c)(1) of the Bankruptcy Code. LBSF also seeks a declaratory judgment that effectuation of the Waterfall Provisions violates the automatic stay under section 362(a)(3) of the Bankruptcy Code because it involves an improper exercise of control over property of LBSF's estate. See generally Lehman Bros. Special Fin. Inc. v. Ballyrock ABS CDO 2007-1 Ltd. (In re Lehman Bros. Holdings Inc.), 452 B.R. 31 (Bankr. S.D.N.Y. 2011); Lehman Bros. Special Fin. Inc. v. BNY Corp. Tr. Servs. Ltd. (In re Lehman Bros. Holdings Inc.), 422 B.R. 407 (Bankr. S.D.N.Y. 2010). In the alternative, LBSF seeks a declaratory judgment that, if the Waterfall Provisions ultimately are found to be enforceable in whole or in part, they constitute either (i) a preferential transfer of an interest of LBSF in property that may be avoided under section 547 of the Bankruptcy Code, recovered under section 550 of the Bankruptcy Code, and preserved for the benefit of LBSF's estate under section 551 of the Bankruptcy Code; (ii) a constructive fraudulent transfer of an interest of LBSF in property that may be avoided under section 548(a)(1)(B) of the Bankruptcy Code, recovered under section 550 of the Bankruptcy Code, and preserved for the benefit of LBSF's estate under section 551 of the Bankruptcy Code; or (iii) an unauthorized postpetition transfer of property of LBSF's estate that may be avoided under section 549 of the Bankruptcy Code, recovered under section 550 of the Bankruptcy Code, and preserved for the

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benefit of LBSF's estate under section 551 of the Bankruptcy Code. The positions advanced by LBSF in the Litigation are not those of the Trustee.

- Actions and Granting Certain Related Relief Pursuant to Section 105(a) of the Bankruptcy Code and Bankruptcy Rule 7004(a)(1) [ECF No. 12199], thereby staying, among other things, certain adversary proceedings, including the Litigation, to allow parties to the Litigation and other similar actions time to explore the possibility of resolving their disputes without the need for litigation (the "Stay"). The Stay has been subsequently extended by orders of the Court, most recently pursuant to the Order Extending Stay of Avoidance Actions and Granting Certain Related Relief Pursuant to Section 105(a) of the Bankruptcy Code and Bankruptcy Rule 7004(a)(1), dated July 18, 2013 [ECF No. 38806], which extended the Stay until January 20, 2014. Accordingly, as a result of the Stay, the Issuers and the Trustee have not answered or otherwise moved for any relief in the Litigation.
- 18. On April 1, 2011, LBSF submitted an SPV Derivatives ADR Election pursuant to which LBSF recommenced the ADR process under the SPV ADR Procedures Order. The Trustee served an amended ADR Response on June 13, 2011, and LBSF served its ADR Reply on July 5, 2011. LBSF and the Trustee participated in mediations pursuant to the ADR process on and after December 7, 2012. At various junctures following the commencement of the Litigation and through and including the mediation, LBSF and the Trustee have engaged in settlement discussions.
- 19. Throughout the course of its settlement negotiations with LBSF and its participation in the Litigation, the Trustee has made numerous attempts to contact Noteholders and Preference Shareholders for direction regarding the Payment Dispute and the application of

proceeds from the sale of the Collateral.⁵ However, with limited exceptions, Noteholders and Preference Shareholders have not adequately responded to the Trustee's communications. As a result, the Trustee has advised LBSF that it is prepared to enter into the Exum Ridge Agreements, provided the Court approves of the terms of the Exum Ridge Agreements pursuant to the terms of Bankruptcy Rule 9019. Entry of an order by this Court, in the form annexed hereto, is a condition precedent to the effectiveness of the Settlement Agreements.

The Initial Pebble Creek Agreement

- 20. The credit default swap transaction relating to Pebble Creek LCDO 2007-3, Ltd. and Pebble Creek LCDO 2007-3, Corp. (the "Pebble Creek Transaction" and, together with the Exum Ridge Transactions, the "Transactions"), is described more fully in the motion seeking approval of the Initial Pebble Creek Agreement [ECF No. 35813]. The Pebble Creek Transaction has waterfall provisions that are similar to the Exum Ridge Transactions and that are also subject of the Litigation. The Initial Pebble Creek Agreement partially resolved disputes relating to the Pebble Creek Transaction by authorizing the Trustee to make distributions to LBSF in respect of all the Notes that LBSF had acquired, and providing for an escrow account for amounts relating to Notes not owned by LBSF. In May 2013, LBSF receive distributions owing under the Initial Settlement Agreement.
- 21. Based on the most recent negotiations between LBSF and the Trustee,
 LBHI, LBSF, the Trustee, Pebble Creek LCDO 2007-3, Ltd. and Pebble Creek LCDO 2007-3,
 LLC, have agreed to amend the Initial Pebble Creek Agreement to provide a more
 comprehensive settlement with respect to the Pebble Creek Transaction. The revised settlement
 reflected in the Amended Pebble Creek Agreement includes terms that are similar to the Exum

⁵ The Trustee will file an affidavit detailing its attempts to contact Noteholders and Preference Shareholders in advance of the hearing on this Motion.

Ridge Agreements, as well as other more recent settlements relating to credit default swap transactions. The Amended Pebble Creek Agreement provides LBSF with the means to settle its dispute with Noteholders, which will likely provide LBSF with an additional distribution from the Pebble Creek escrow account.

The Settlement Agreements⁶

- 22. Although the terms of each Exum Ridge Agreement are virtually identical, each Exum Ridge Agreement is separate from the other. As a result, the reserve and escrow accounts described below will be separate for each Exum Ridge Transaction. Likewise, the conditions to effectiveness may be satisfied to one Exum Ridge Transaction and not the other.
 - 23. The salient terms of each Exum Ridge Agreement are as follows:
 - a. The Exum Ridge Issuer and the Trustee shall take such actions as shall be necessary to cause certain assets held in respect of the Collateral to be redeemed or otherwise liquidated, and to cause the net proceeds thereof to be deposited with the Trustee (the "Investment Proceeds"), for further application as set forth below.
 - b. Notwithstanding any provision to the contrary in the Indenture, the Trustee shall distribute and apply the Investment Proceeds, as well as certain other amounts as set forth in the Settlement Agreement, as follows, and in the following order and priority:
 - 1. Pay the outstanding fees and expenses of the Trustee.
 - 2. Pay to each Noteholder other than LBSF that does not object to the Settlement Agreement or this Motion an amount equal to the Settlement Offer (as defined in the Settlement Agreement) (the "Noteholder Settlement Amount"), in full satisfaction of claims of such holders of such Notes; provided however that payment of the

⁶ In keeping with the confidentiality provisions of the Parties' partial settlement, and due to LBHI's and LBSF's desire to keep the economic terms of the settlement confidential, the Settlement Agreements are not included as exhibits to this Motion. The Parties will provide the Settlement Agreements to the Court, the U.S. Trustee, and the Creditors' Committee. Noteholders and holders of Preference Shares must contact the Trustee for copies of the Settlement Agreement relating to their applicable Securities and, before receiving any such copies, such Noteholders or holders of Preference Shares will be required to execute an agreement binding them to the confidentiality restrictions of the parties' partial settlement, including paragraph 13 of the SPV ADR Procedures Order.

Noteholder Settlement Amount is subject to the receipt by the Trustee of an opinion or information regarding the fairness and reasonableness of the Noteholder Settlement Amount, or waiver of such receipt by the Trustee as to all or some of the Notes (such receipt or waiver of receipt, the "Noteholder Settlement Amount Condition").

- 3. Place into an interest-bearing account an amount to be held in respect of a reserve, which the Trustee may use for fees and expenses as enumerated in the Settlement Agreement, which amount may be invested in Eligible Investments as defined in the Indenture (the "Reserve Amount").
- 4. With respect to any Noteholder that timely objects to an Exum Ridge Agreement or this Motion (an "Objecting Noteholder"), place into an account with the Trustee, which may be invested in Eligible Investments as defined in the Indenture, an amount (the "Escrow Amount") to secure payment of the claims of any such Objecting Noteholder; provided however, that if the Noteholder Settlement Amount Condition is not met, the Escrow Amount shall be an amount sufficient to secure payment of the claims of any and all Noteholders other than LBSF.
- 5. Upon LBSF's delivery of its Notes to the Trustee as set forth in the Settlement Agreement, pay the remaining amount (the "Settlement Amount") to LBSF.
- c. LBSF retains all rights as Noteholder or Swap Counterparty except as otherwise explicitly set forth in the Settlement Agreement.
- d. To the extent that LBSF, subsequent to execution and delivery of the Settlement Agreement, purchases the remaining issued and outstanding Notes of the Issuer and the Co-Issuer existing outside of LBSF's ownership (the "Remaining Notes") and purchases Notes from Objecting Noteholders (together, the "Subsequent Lehman Settlement Amount") that it does not currently hold, commensurate *pro rata* amounts will be deducted from the Escrow Amount and paid to LBSF.
- e. Distribution of any remaining Escrow Amount and any remaining Reserve Amount to LBSF will be subject to certain conditions set forth in the Settlement Agreement.
- f. LBSF, solely in its capacity as Noteholder, agrees not to assert that it is entitled to be paid on a senior or *pari passu* basis with the Notes that it does not hold (but LBSF reserves the right to assert

that it is entitled to be paid amounts owing under the Notes it owns on a junior basis to the Notes it does not own and in an amount not to exceed the lesser of (a) the unpaid amount of principal and interest due on the Notes that LBSF owns (after taking into account the Settlement Payment or applicable Subsequent Settlement Payment, as the case may be, to the extent any such payment is deemed to be a payment under the Notes that LBSF owns, as the case may be), or (b) the then remaining Escrow Amount).

- g. Upon distribution of the remaining Escrow Amount, any proof of claim filed by the Trustee, the Exum Ridge Issuer or the Co-Issuer that is related to the Transaction and subject to the Settlement Agreement, shall be withdrawn. The Trustee, Issuer and Co-Issuer (or the Trustee on their behalf) authorize the Plan Administrator to execute and deliver an Instruction Letter to Epiq Bankruptcy Solutions, LLC, the claims agent, to update the claims register accordingly.
- h. Upon release of the remaining Escrow Amount, the Indenture shall be deemed discharged and terminated, and each of the Issuer and Co-Issuer shall undertake their dissolution.
- i. LBSF and the Plan Administrator acknowledge and agree that they, and any agents and assigns thereof, as applicable, will only seek payment for damages and other relief, including interest thereon, with respect to or in connection with the Transaction (including, without limitation, any termination payment), the Notes, the Preference Shares, the Indenture and/or the Credit Default Swap Agreement in the adversary proceeding, *Lehman Brothers Special Financing Inc. v. U.S. Bank National Association, et al.*, Adversary Proceeding No. 10-3542 (JMP), pending in this Court, in an aggregate amount not greater than the then remaining Escrow Amount.
- 24. The salient terms of the Amended Pebble Creek Agreement are as

follows:⁷

a. Notwithstanding any provision to the contrary in the Pebble Creek Indenture or the Initial Pebble Creek Agreement, the Trustee shall distribute and apply the Investment Proceeds, as well as certain

⁷ Unless otherwise defined herein, capitalized terms utilized in this paragraph shall have the same meanings ascribed to such terms in this Motion, except that they shall refer to the Pebble Creek Transaction.

other amounts as set forth in the Amended Pebble Creek Agreement, as follows, and in the following order and priority:

- 1. Pay the outstanding fees and expenses of the Trustee.
- 2. Pay to each Noteholder other than LBSF that does not object to the Settlement Agreement or this Motion the Noteholder Settlement Amount, in full satisfaction of claims of such holders of such Notes; provided however that payment of the Noteholder Settlement Amount is subject to the Noteholder Settlement Amount Condition.
- 3. With respect to any Objecting Noteholder, leave in the existing Escrow Account, an amount to secure payment of the claims of any such Objecting Noteholder; provided however, that if the Noteholder Settlement Amount Condition is not met, the Escrow Amount shall be an amount sufficient to secure payment of the claims of any and all Noteholders other than LBSF.
- 4. Pay any remaining amount to LBSF.
- b. Upon distribution of the remaining Escrow Amount, any proof of claim filed by the Trustee, the Issuer or the Co-Issuer that is related to the Transaction and subject to the Settlement Agreement, shall be withdrawn. The Trustee, Issuer and Co-Issuer (or the Trustee on their behalf) authorize the Plan Administrator to execute and deliver an Instruction Letter to Epiq Bankruptcy Solutions, LLC, the claims agent, to update the claims register accordingly.
- c. Upon release of the remaining Escrow Amount, the Pebble Creek Indenture shall be deemed discharged and terminated, and each of the Issuer and Co-Issuer shall undertake their dissolution.

The Partial Settlements Are in LBSF's Best Interests and Should Be Approved

25. The Plan Administrator on behalf of itself and LBSF submits that the Settlement Agreements are in LBSF's best interests and should be approved under Rule 9019 of the Bankruptcy Rules. Bankruptcy Rule 9019(a) provides "[o]n motion by the trustee and after notice and a hearing, the court may approve a compromise and settlement." Fed. R. Bankr. R. 9019(a). This rule empowers bankruptcy courts to approve settlements "if they are in the best interests of the estate." *In re Drexel Burnham Lambert Group, Inc.*, 134 B.R. 499, 505 (Bankr.

S.D.N.Y. 1991). The settlement need not result in the best possible outcome for the debtor, but must not "fall beneath the lowest point in the range of reasonableness." *Id.*; *see also Cosoff v. Rodman (In re W.T. Grant Co.*), 699 F.2d 599, 608 (2d Cir. 1983); *In re Spielfogel*, 211 B.R. 133, 144 (Bankr. E.D.N.Y. 1997).

- Comm. for Indep. Stockholders of TMT Trailer Ferry, Inc. v. Anderson, 390 U.S. 414, 424 (1968) (quoting Case v. Los Angeles Lumber Prods. Co., 308 U.S. 106, 130 (1939)).

 Compromises may be effected separately during the reorganization proceedings or in the body of the plan itself. In re Drexel Burnham Lambert Group Inc., 138 B.R. at 758. The decision to approve a particular compromise lies within the sound discretion of the Court. See Nellis v.

 Shugrue, 165 B.R. 115, 123 (S.D.N.Y. 1994). The Court's discretion may be exercised "in light of the general public policy favoring settlements." In re Hibbard Brown & Co., Inc., 217 B.R.

 41, 46 (Bankr. S.D.N.Y. 1998). A proposed compromise and settlement implicates the issue of whether it is "fair and equitable, and in the best interest of the [debtor's] estate." In re Best Products, 165 B.R. 35, 50 (Bankr. S.D.N.Y. 1994) (internal citations omitted). The court must apprise itself "of all relevant facts necessary for an intelligent and objective opinion of the probabilities of ultimate success should the claim be litigated." Prot. Comm. for Indep.

 Stockholders of TMT Trailer Ferry, Inc., 390 U.S. at 424.
- 27. Courts typically consider the following factors in determining whether a settlement should be approved: (i) the probability of success in litigation, with due consideration for the uncertainty in fact and law; (ii) the difficulties of collecting any litigated judgment; (iii) the complexity and likely duration of the litigation and any attendant expense, inconvenience, and delay; (iv) the proportion of creditors who do not object to, or who

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affirmatively support, the proposed settlement; (v) the competence and experience of counsel who support the settlement; (vi) the relative benefits to be received by members of any affected class; (vii) the extent to which the settlement is truly the product of arm's-length bargaining and not the product of fraud or collusion; and (viii) the debtor's informed judgment that the settlement is fair and reasonable. *See Protective Comm. for Indep. Stockholders of TMT Trailer Ferry, Inc.*, 390 U.S. at 424; *In re Ashford Hotels, Ltd.*, 226 B.R. 797, 804 (Bankr. S.D.N.Y. 1998); *In re Best Prods. Co.*, 168 B.R. at 50.

- 28. While a court must "evaluate . . . all . . . factors relevant to a fair and full assessment of the wisdom of the proposed compromise," *Anderson*, 390 U.S. at 424-25, a court need not conduct a "mini-trial" of the merits of the claims being settled, *Cosoff v. Rodman (In re W.T. Grant Co.)*, 699 F.2d 599, 608 (2d Cir. 1983), or conduct a full independent investigation. *Drexel Burnham Lambert Group*, 134 B.R. at 496. Moreover, in reviewing a global compromise, a court need not be aware of or decide the particulars of each individual claim resolved by the settlement or "assess the minutia of each and every claim"; rather, a court "need only canvass the issues and see whether the settlement falls 'below the lowest point in the range of reasonableness." *Shugrue*, 165 B.R. at 123. As one court explained in assessing a global settlement of claims, "[t]he appropriate inquiry is whether the Settlement Agreement *in its entirety* is appropriate for the . . . estate." *Air Line Pilots Ass'n, Int'l v. Am. Nat'l Bank & Trust Co. (In re Ionosphere Clubs, Inc.)*, 156 B.R. 414, 430 (S.D.N.Y. 1993), *aff'd* 17 F.3d 600 (2d Cir. 1993) (emphasis added).
- 29. Here, each Settlement Agreement will benefit LBSF and its creditors by allowing LBSF to capture a substantial amount of the value of each Transaction and the Notes that it owns for its estate. The Settlement Agreements will not resolve the Payment Dispute:

LBSF retains the right to maintain its positions in respect of the Payment Dispute in the Litigation or elsewhere, subject to the limitations as to the amount of its recovery set forth in the Settlement Agreements. Regardless, in the Plan Administrator's informed business judgment, the compromises set forth in the Settlement Agreements are "fair and equitable," are well within the "range of reasonableness," and are in the best interests of LBSF's estate and its creditors. Accordingly, the Plan Administrator requests that the Settlement Agreements be approved, effective immediately upon entry of an order granting the relief requested herein.

The Bankruptcy Court Has Authority Pursuant to Section 105(a) of the Bankruptcy Code to Approve the Settlement Agreements

30. The Plan Administrator seeks approval of the Settlement Agreements pursuant to section 105(a) of the Bankruptcy Code so that the Collateral may be liquidated and disposed of as set forth in the Settlement Agreement. This Court has authority under the broad equitable powers of the Bankruptcy Code, as set forth in section 105(a), to approve the Settlement Agreements. Courts have used their equitable powers to permit deviations in trust agreements in order to preserve and protect a trust or where circumstances exist that would defeat or substantially impair the accomplishment of the purposes of the trust. See, e.g., In re A.H. Robbins, 880 F.2d 769, 776 (4th Cir. 1989) (noting that section 105(a) authorizes the court to "issue any order, process or judgment that is necessary or appropriate to carry out the provisions" of the Bankruptcy Code and finding that matters relating to the control and supervision of trusts are within the equity jurisdiction of the court); In re Joint Eastern and Southern Districts Asbestos Litigation, 878 F. Supp 473 (E.D.N.Y. & S.D.N.Y. 1995) and 129 B.R. 710 (E.D.N.Y. & S.D.N.Y. 1991) (holding that section 105(a) authorizes the federal courts in bankruptcy cases to approve a settlement modifying distributions, obligations, and payment procedures under a trust). Accordingly, the Court has authority under section 105(a) of the

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Bankruptcy Code to direct the Trustee to deviate from the terms of the Indenture, where strict adherence to the terms of the Indenture would frustrate the Issuer's economic stakeholders from realizing the value of their interests in the Collateral held under the Indenture by the Trustee for the benefit of the Noteholders, including LBSF.

- 31. The Court has granted similar relief in these chapter 11 cases, pursuant to section 105(a) of the Bankruptcy Code. On August 22, 2013, the Court entered an order, pursuant to section 105(a) of the Bankruptcy Code and Bankruptcy Rule 9019, approving five similar partial settlement agreements among LBSF, LBHI, the LIBOR Fund, U.S. Bank, as trustee, and various issuers and co-issuers relating to certain credit default swap agreements and indentures [ECF No. 39624]. See also, Order Pursuant to Section 105(a) of the Bankruptcy Code and Bankruptcy Rule 9019 Approving Partial Settlement Agreement Relating to Airlie CDO I, Ltd. [ECF No. 39017]; Order Pursuant to Section 105(a) of the Bankruptcy Code and Bankruptcy Rule 9019 Approving Partial Settlement Agreement Relating to Pebble Creek LCDO 2007-3, Ltd. [ECF No. 36867]; Order Approving Settlement Agreement and Indemnity Between Lehman Brothers Special Financing Inc. and Deutsche Bank Trust Company Americas, as Trustee, Relating to Credit Default Swap Agreement [ECF No. 30096].
- 32. The use of the Court's equitable authority is justified and appropriate.

 First, LBSF is entitled to the Settlement Amount in each Transaction either in its capacity as

 Swap Counterparty or in its capacity as Noteholder and, as a result, payment of the Settlement

 Amount to LBSF is appropriate regardless of the outcome of the Payment Dispute. Second, the

 Settlement Agreements protect the interests of other Noteholders by providing for the reservation

 of the Escrow Amount, which the Plan Administrator and LBSF believe is sufficient to pay the

 claims of the Objecting Noteholders, if the Noteholder Settlement Amount Condition is met or

waived, or the claims of all Noteholders other than LBSF, if the Noteholder Settlement Amount Condition is not met or waived. In addition, the Settlement Agreements provide for the reservation of the Reserve Amount, which the Trustee may use for fees and expenses as enumerated in each Settlement Agreement. Third, regardless of the outcome of the Payment Dispute, the payment rights of the Preference Shareholders will be subordinated to those of both the Noteholders and LBSF, as Swap Counterparty; as a result, the Preference Shareholders should be indifferent to the approval of the Settlement Agreements because they will not receive a payment under the waterfall under any scenario. Moreover, any interested parties that may object to the terms of the Settlement Agreements will have the opportunity to lodge an objection with and be heard by this Court.

33. The Amended Pebble Creek Agreement puts in place a mechanism virtually identical to the one set forth in each Exum Ridge Agreement. The Amended Pebble Creek Agreement will afford LBSF the ability to implement a further settlement of the underlying dispute in the Litigation and to receive an additional distribution, while continuing to preserve the rights of any Noteholders who object to the Amended Settlement Agreement or this Motion.

Notice

34. No trustee has been appointed in these chapter 11 cases. The Plan Administrator has served notice of this Motion in accordance with the procedures set forth in the second amended order entered on June 17, 2010, governing case management and administrative procedures for these cases [ECF No. 9635] on (i) the U.S. Trustee; (ii) the Securities and Exchange Commission; (iii) the Internal Revenue Service; (iv) the United States Attorney for the Southern District of New York; (v) the attorneys for the Trustee; and (vi) all parties who have

requested notice in the Chapter 11 Cases. The Plan Administrator submits that no other or further notice need be provided.

35. No previous request for the relief sought herein has been made by the Plan Administrator to this or any other court.

WHEREFORE the Plan Administrator on behalf of itself and LBSF respectfully requests that the Court grant the relief requested herein and such other and further relief as it deems just and proper.

Dated: New York, New York October 18, 2013

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Exhibit A

Exum Ridge Indentures

- Indenture, dated as of February 16, 2006, among Exum Ridge CBO 2006-1, Ltd., as Issuer, Exum Ridge CBO 2006-1, Corp., as Co-Issuer, and U.S. Bank National Association, as trustee, as supplemented from time to time.
- Indenture, dated as of May 2, 2007, among Exum Ridge CBO 2007-2, Ltd., as Issuer, Exum Ridge CBO 2007-2, Corp., as Co-Issuer, and U.S. Bank National Association, as trustee, as supplemented from time to time.

Exhibit B

Exum Ridge Credit Default Swap Agreements

Exum Ridge CBO 2006-1, Ltd.:

- 1992 ISDA Master Agreement (including a Schedule thereto), dated as of February 16, 2006, between Lehman Brothers Special Financing Inc. and Exum Ridge CBO 2006-1, Ltd., as amended from time to time.
- Confirmation, dated February 16, 2006, between Lehman Brothers Special Financing Inc. and Exum Ridge CBO 2006-1, Ltd., as amended from time to time.
- Guarantee executed by Lehman Brothers Holdings Inc. of Lehman Brothers Special Financing Inc.'s obligations under the ISDA Master Agreement, Schedule and Confirmation, dated as of February 16, 2006.

Exum Ridge CBO 2007-2, Ltd.:

- 1992 ISDA Master Agreement (including a Schedule thereto), dated as of May 2, 2007, between Lehman Brothers Special Financing Inc. and Exum Ridge CBO 2007-2, Ltd., as amended from time to time.
- Confirmation, dated May 2, 2007, between Lehman Brothers Special Financing Inc. and Exum Ridge CBO 2007-2, Ltd., as amended from time to time.
- Guarantee executed by Lehman Brothers Holdings Inc. of Lehman Brothers Special Financing Inc.'s obligations under the ISDA Master Agreement, Schedule and Confirmation, dated as of May 2, 2007.

UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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In re : Chapter 11 Case No.

LEHMAN BROTHERS HOLDINGS INC., et al., : 08-13555 (JMP)

Debtors. : (Jointly Administered)

ORDER PURSUANT TO RULE 9019 OF THE
FEDERAL RULES OF BANKRUPTCY PROCEDURE AND
SECTION 105(a) OF THE BANKRUPTCY CODE FOR APPROVAL OF
(I) PARTIAL SETTLEMENT AGREEMENTS RELATING TO CERTAIN CREDIT
DEFAULT SWAP AGREEMENTS AND INDENTURES AND (II) AMENDMENT TO
PARTIAL SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT RELATING TO PEBBLE CREEK LCDO
2007-3 CREDIT DEFAULT SWAP AGREEMENT AND INDENTURE

Upon the motion, dated October 18, 2013 (the "Motion"), of Lehman Brothers
Holdings Inc. ("LBHI" or the "Plan Administrator") as Plan Administrator under the Modified
Third Amended Joint Chapter 11 Plan of Lehman Brothers Holdings Inc. and Its Affiliated
Debtors, on behalf of itself and Lehman Brothers Special Financing Inc. ("LBSF"), pursuant to
Rule 9019 of the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure (the "Bankruptcy Rules") and section
105(a) of title 11 of the United States Code (the "Bankruptcy Code") for approval of two partial
settlement agreements and an amendment to the partial settlement agreement dated as of March
8, 2013, each as described on Exhibit 1 annexed hereto (collectively, the "Settlement
Agreements"), all as more fully described in the Motion; and the Court having jurisdiction to
consider the Motion and the relief requested therein in accordance with 28 U.S.C. §§ 157 and
1334 and the Amended Standing Order of Reference M-431, dated January 31, 2012 (Preska,
C.J.); and consideration of the Motion and the relief requested therein being a core proceeding

pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 157(b); and venue being proper before this Court pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1408 and 1409; and due and proper notice of the Motion having been provided in accordance with the procedures set forth in the amended order entered on June 17, 2010, governing case management and administrative procedures for these cases [ECF No. 9635] on (i) the U.S. Trustee; (ii) the Securities and Exchange Commission; (iii) the Internal Revenue Service; (iv) the United States Attorney for the Southern District of New York; (v) the attorneys for the Trustee; and (vi) all parties who have requested notice in the Chapter 11 Cases, and it appearing that no other or further notice need be provided; and a hearing having been held to consider the relief requested in the Motion; and the Trustee having provided reasonable notice to the Noteholders and the Preference Shareholders; and the Court having found and determined that the relief sought in the Motion is in the best interests of LBHI and LBSF, their estates, their creditors, and all parties in interest and that the legal and factual bases set forth in the Motion establish just cause for the relief granted herein; and after due deliberation and sufficient cause appearing therefor, it is

ORDERED that the Motion is granted; and it is further

ORDERED that, pursuant to Bankruptcy Rule 9019, the Settlement Agreements are approved; and it is further

ORDERED that LBSF is authorized to execute, deliver, implement and fully perform any and all obligations, instruments, documents and papers and to take any and all actions reasonably necessary or appropriate to consummate the Settlement Agreements and to perform any and all obligations contemplated therein; and it is further

ORDERED that, pursuant to section 105(a) of the Bankruptcy Code, the Trustee is authorized and directed to take such actions as it reasonably deems necessary or appropriate to

consummate the Settlement Agreements and to perform any and all obligations contemplated therein, including without limitation to cause certain assets held in respect of the applicable Collateral¹ to be redeemed or otherwise liquidated, and to distribute and apply the proceeds therefrom, as well as certain other amounts that have accrued on or are otherwise available with respect to assets of the applicable Issuer, as provided for in the Settlement Agreements; and it is further

ORDERED that this Order is final, binding and effective on the Chapter 11 Estates, all current and future Noteholders and Preference Shareholders, as well as the Trustee and any successor thereto. The Chapter 11 Estates and U.S. National Bank Association, in its individual capacity and as Trustee, and its current and former officers, directors, shareholders, employees, agents, attorneys, successors and assigns, shall be and hereby are, fully exculpated and shall not have liability to each other, the Chapter 11 Estates, Noteholders or Preference Shareholders arising out of, relating to, or in connection with the Motion, the Settlement Agreements or this Order, except to the extent of any obligations set forth in the Settlement Agreements that have not been performed; and it is further

ORDERED that the terms of this Order shall be immediately effective and enforceable upon its entry; and it is further

ORDERED that notice of the Motion as provided therein shall be deemed good and sufficient notice of such Motion; and it is further

¹ Capitalized terms used herein but not otherwise defined shall have the meaning ascribed to them in the Motion and shall refer to the applicable Transaction.

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ORDERED that this Court retains jurisdiction with respect to all matters arising from or related to the implementation of this Order.

UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY JUDGE

Exhibit 1

Settlement Agreements

- First Amendment to Settlement Agreement among Lehman Brothers Holdings Inc., Lehman Brothers Special Financing Inc., U.S. Bank National Association, solely in its capacity as trustee under the Indenture, dated July 19, 2007, Pebble Creek LCDO 2007-3, Ltd., as Issuer, and Pebble Creek LCDO 2007-3, Corp., as Co-Issuer.
- Settlement Agreement among Lehman Brothers Holdings Inc., Lehman Brothers Special Financing Inc., U.S. Bank National Association, solely in its capacity as trustee under the Indenture, dated February 16, 2006, ABS LIBOR Fund, Ltd., Exum Ridge CBO 2006-1, Ltd., as Issuer, and Exum Ridge CBO 2006-1, Corp., as Co-Issuer.
- Settlement Agreement among Lehman Brothers Holdings Inc., Lehman Brothers Special Financing Inc., U.S. Bank National Association, solely in its capacity as trustee under the Indenture, dated September 15, 2006, ABS LIBOR Fund, Ltd., Exum Ridge CBO 2007-2, Ltd., as Issuer, and Exum Ridge CBO 2007-2, Corp., as Co-Issuer.